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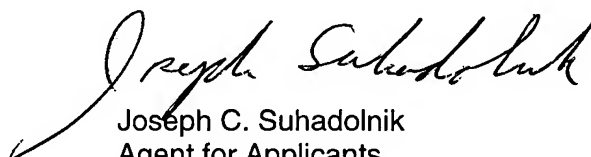
In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, Applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached PTO-1449 forms. A copy of the International Search Report was supplied, when this application entered the U.S. national phase.

The International Search Report indicates that U.S. 2003/0145396 now U.S. 6,916,350, U.S. 6,090,163, U.S. 6,090,164 and U.S. 2004/0127693 are substantively cumulative English language counterparts of WO 01/77232, EP 1 013 720, EP 0 957 137 and WO 02/085986. Also, U.S. 2005/0166339 is deemed to be equivalent to WO 03/080739.

Copies of the non-U.S. references (that do not have U.S. equivalents) and/or English language abstracts thereof are enclosed herewith.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 forms.

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